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TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1099.

Wednesday the 4th June, 1924.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Seven Thirty-six of the Clock, the President presiding.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members were sworn in under Rule 20 of the Legislative Council Electoral Rules:—

Mr. J. Stephenson, B. Sc. (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*).
Mr. S. T. Ponnuswami Pillai, L. M. & S. (*Surgeon in charge*).
Mr. R. K. Krishna Pillai, B. A. (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*).
Mr. P. T. Thomas (*Kottayam*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Tamil Certificate holders in Malayalam Schools.

202. MR. T. LAKSHMANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many Tamil School Leaving Certificate holders and Tamil Higher Grade Elementary School Certificate holders are employed in the Malayalam schools of the State?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Four Vernacular (Tamil) School Leaving Certificate holders and six Vernacular (Tamil) Higher Certificate holders are employed in departmental Malayalam schools.

Malayalam Certificate holders in Tamil Schools.

203. MR. T. LAKSHMANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many Malayalam School Leaving

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

Certificate holders and Malayalam Higher Grade Elementary School Certificate holders are employed in the Tamil schools of the State?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Forty-one Vernacular (Malayalam) School Leaving Certificate holders and three Vernacular (Malayalam) Higher Certificate holders are employed in departmental Tamil schools.

Surrender of Sannads by Vakils on accepting Office.

204. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): In view of Sections 13, 14 and 22 of the Vakils Regulation, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries and state whether, in the case of legal practitioners accepting service under Government, *sannads* have been invariably surrendered to the courts in which they were practising?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is reported that *sannads* are not being surrendered.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know why the Government have not insisted upon the surrender of the *sannads* of those persons who have reverted to the bar after retirement?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will request the High Court to enquire into the matter.

Fresh Sannads to retired Officers reverting to the Bar.

205. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): In the case of retired officers who have reverted to the bar on retirement, will the Government be pleased to state whether fresh *sannads* have been taken or whether old *sannads* not delivered up on entering service are utilised for practising as vakils?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Fresh *sannads* have not been taken by these retired officers. They are practising under the old *sannads*.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Have the Government or those concerned in the granting of *sannads* considered the legality of allowing retired officers joining the bar to use their old *sannads*.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have had no occasion to consider the legality of the question. As I stated, the attention of the High Court will be invited to the matter.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Have the Government asked the High Court to consider the legality of the procedure in the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will invite the attention of the High Court.

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